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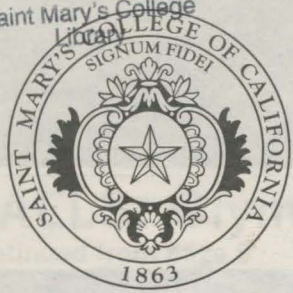
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New recreation corridor creates friction with community

by Gabi Reyes-Acosta

Assistant News Editor

It's not difficult to miss the vast expanse of land near the front of campus that is being molded into Saint Mary's new athletics and recreation corridor. Even if one cannot see it, they can hear it. The sounds of trucks beeping as they back up, graders scraping hard earth, and drills pounding can be heard throughout campus and even beyond. The increased noise, parking, and traffic became an issue to many in the surrounding area.

The Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center will include a state of the art 8,000 square foot fitness center, offices for sports and recreation staff, and three full sized courts for soccer, basketball, and volleyball, among other activities. It will also feature an aquatics center, one that is set to be much more refined than the

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Celebrating the past, looking to the future: Year of the Gael

SMC commemorates its sesquicentennial with a year of events and celebrations

by Jeannine Abusharkh and Gabi Reyes-Acosta

News Editor and Assistant News Editor

There is history throughout the Saint Mary's campus, from the chapel that stands tall in the front of campus to the legacy of the Christian Brothers. School archives report that it was founded in 1863 by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese as a school for boys. It was first located in San Francisco and was run by the Archdiocese until 1868, when the De La Salle Christian Brothers assumed direction of the school. From 1889 to 1928, the college resided in Oakland, after which it then moved to the Moraga location that students

and faculty now call home. The Moraga campus was much smaller in its infancy, including eleven original buildings that are still in use today, including Galileo Hall and the Chapel. The Cross of Victory, which many students use as a popular hiking spot, was given to the school in 1936.

So much of being a Gael, of calling Saint Mary's home, is understanding how much history surrounds the school. There is history here that reverberates throughout the curriculum, the campus, and even in the students who come here. The place that SMC students call home is turning 150 this year, and the school is offering a host of events to

commemorate the occasion.

The first event is a Creative Writing Reading Series by two of the college's most renowned poets Robert Haas and Tom Meschery. Also in September, the Sesquicentennial Mass will be held to mark the official beginning of the year's celebrations. A splendid celebration will follow on the Chapel lawn. The main event held this year will be the Gaelebration on October 6. Saint Mary's will welcome thousands of people on this day and showcase the college through educational projects, live music, dancing, tours, food, attractions, and athletic demonstrations. Other events that will be held

during this Year of the Gael will include Academic Symposiums and the Sesquicentennial Gala on Treasure Island. The first of three symposiums will be held in October and will welcome Bishop Marcelo Sanchez-Sorondo, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences as the keynote speaker. The symposium will discuss the Catholic intellectual tradition. The gala Jewel of the Bay will be a black-tie event for the anniversary and proceeds will benefit Saint Mary's student aid.

For more information the College launched a new website, yearofthegael.com.

Freshmen confront difficult issues in Grey Zones

by Charlie Guese

Chief Copy Editor

Incoming St. Mary's freshmen are often faced with hard-hitting social situations that they may have never experienced in their previous high school years. To help introduce them into these difficult moral and social decisions, the Interactive Theater troupe performs the annual Gray Zones presentation as part of the Weekend of Welcome. Stemming from the spring semester course of the same name, director Reid Davis and an ensemble cast performed three different acts for all incoming freshmen Friday night. The cast included Jose Basulto, Kalina Bryant, Liam Callister, Erin Kinda, Haley Leitman, Jen O'Brien, and Tashanay Spain.

Each skit was followed with audience feedback to try to lessen the potential harm in each situation, and representatives from the Counseling Center and Women's Resource Center informed the freshmen afterward about where they may receive help on campus should they find themselves in similarly pressing situations.

The showing began with a reprieve of "Owasted," a sketch that lampooned the drunkenness

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Welcome to a new year at Saint Mary's, and welcome to yet another year of *The Collegian*. If you're a first year student, welcome to a campus that is ripe with places to leave your mark, and if you're older, then welcome back home. *The Collegian* is the best source for campus news, talk, and anything else SMC related. If you have gone to Saint Mary's for more than a month, you will probably hear about the importance of getting involved on campus. At *The Collegian*, we give you the opportunity to not only take part, but to let your voice be heard.

We as staff try our best to provide articles and stories that are interesting, controversial, and often a little quirky. By the end of the year, we hope to have provided a year of issues that have kept you connected with the school and all that it has to offer. Although SMC is tucked away in its own little Moraga bubble, there are plenty of ways to be in touch with the campus community. We now proudly introduce you to the staff for the 2012-2013 academic year. These are the people who help the paper come out week after week (and also the ones who see any and all angry emails/letters). Here is *The Collegian's* staff of fun, hard working, and kind of weird people:

Susie Foresman: Editor-in-Chief, Senior, English/French Major, bodybuilder.

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Max Crowell: Chief Photographer, Senior, Communication Major, Photographer for College

Communications and the Athletics Department, professional table tennis player.

Alex Choy: Business Manager, Junior, Accounting Major, collector of antique bowling balls.

We hope that you will visit us this year and come to meetings, where you can write, photograph, edit, or just throw ideas our way. You can find our staff this Wednesday in the Ferroggiaro Quad at the Student Involvement Fair. Come by and let your voice be heard, it is always more than welcome!

-*The Collegian* Staff

January Term 2013 seeks to expand horizons and minds

Classes delve deep into travel, the world, and the world around SMC

by Jeannine Abusharkh
News Editor

Saint Mary's College January Term classes allow students the opportunity to explore a subject in one intense month of learning. Jan Term allows students to focus on a particular theme, field, or culture with enough freedom and time to gain an appreciation for it.

The January Term travel courses in particular gives students the chance to explore new parts of the world. In the course of one month, students learn various aspects of the culture in which they immerse themselves into. This year's theme for January Term is "inspired" because the goal of faculty and students is to become inspired through all that

they learn from the month-long course.

The faculty and student body hope to be inspired by the cultures that they come to meet on the January Term travel courses that will be offered in 2013. The travel courses are meant to open the hearts and minds of Saint Mary's students to a world filled with colorful cultures. Students have the chance to learn languages, study ancient civilizations, and offer their time to humanitarian causes.

In January, Saint Mary's faculty and students will embark on trips to Rwanda, Ireland, Indonesia, South Africa, India, and Italy. Each class varies in theme, but every student will complete their travel course with a new-

found knowledge, stories to tell and an unforgettable experience. The Jan Term trip to Cambodia focuses on providing clean water and education for the poor populations of Cambodia. The humanitarian work in the rural villages will inspire and teach students about the Cambodian culture. Students will learn about the local religion and the history of the society's genocide.

Students traveling to Indonesia in January will discover the coral reefs and culture in Sulawesi, Indonesia. On this trip, students will learn the biological and geological forces behind the reef's creation. Students will study the reefs by diving and snorkeling the waters on the islands off the south peninsula of Sulawesi.

Another interesting course is travelling to South Africa to learn about the natural history and the various endangered native habits. The class will travel to six South African National Parks and work with rangers, scientists, and experts who work to conserve the endangered wildlife and habitats.

Students who are interested in January Term Travel courses must be sophomores, in good academic standing, and meet any prerequisites. There are also many important dates and deadlines for those students interested in participating in the courses.

For more information visit the Saint Mary's Website to see a calendar of meetings and due dates.

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The Collegian NEWS

RECREATION: Town resists recreation center

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current pool area. The baseball stadium, which students can already see taking shape will have seating for 1,500 fans, training rooms, press boxes, and much more.

According to the Town of Moraga's website, its planning commission approved the development permit July 2, and will require the school to fix noise and lighting problems. In public town meetings, residents have expressed their worries that the glare and noise from the lights and workers in the evening will disturb their families, and the town's website reports that worries also surround the potential for heavy traffic and early start time, with some residents mentioning that construction has started as early as 5:30 a.m.

In the coming meetings, officials from Saint Mary's plan on working with the Town of Moraga to fix these concerns, particularly those that have to do with lighting, both current and for what is yet to be built. Until now, lights were allowed until 10 p.m. unless a heavy amount of

complaints were filed by neighbors. In which case, lights were to be off at 9 p.m.

In order to address worries about traffic, the Town of Moraga's website reports that SMC "must contribute a fair share towards the construction of a roundabout or alternative control at the intersection of Saint Mary's Road and Rheem Boulevard". What it means to specifi-

cally contribute a "fair share" is still unclear. To allow noise to be mitigated construction is only permitted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and on Saturday until September 1. Further conditions regarding environmental issues can be found in documents released on the Town's website.

Running through the concerns about the college and its willingness to work with its neighbors,

a willingness that seems to have been present so far, is a general anxiety from townspeople about whether or not Saint Mary's has been and will be a good neighbor and member of the community. It remains to be seen whether the expansion of the campus will provide even more opportunities or problems with the community.



Max Crowell/COLLEGIAN

Student volunteers make impact at WOW Saturday of Service

Freshmen dig deep into social justice

by Gabi Reyes-Acosta
Assistant News Editor

This Saturday, August 25, nearly 230 students piled into SMC vans and buses and went to various places around the Bay Area where they shoveled, dug, harvested, and packed—all for a better future. These students, composed mostly of freshman, went to the 2012 WOW Saturday of Service, a day of utilizing hands, hearts, and heads to help the communities around St. Mary's. Although the day started out bleary and cold with many students bundled up in their sweatshirts or face buried in a coffee cup, the sun eventually came out to warm the student volunteers.

As music blared in the background, students gathered in front of the Chapel to get to know each other. Although they were awkward at first, they soon loosened up, especially after CILSA student leaders engaged them in icebreaker games. Soon, everyone got into their respective modes of transportation and went off to their various places to serve.

The Community Partners for the WOW Saturday of Service were groups and programs that strive in various ways to better their surrounding communities. Some students helped in gardens and farms, such as those at the Alameda Point Collaborative Urban Farm, the Legacy Garden on campus, and The Urban Farmers in Contra Costa County. Some went to Head Start Preschools in Oakland and helped to gather school supplies for young children in underserved communities, while others spent the day at the De Marillac Academy in Oakland, where they helped students get ready for school by putting together more school supplies. At What Now America in Oakland, volunteers

also helped at-risk families in various capacities.

Although spending a good part of the day working under the sun does not sound too appealing, the reward was overwhelmingly worth it, because the impact that students made was so big. By helping at the Alameda Urban Farm, for example, volunteers were able to help families take ownership over their own garden and help them see the fruits of their labor. The amount that student volunteers learned from those whom they helped struck them immensely. At the Alameda Urban Farm, students learned about composting and how to correctly pick fruits and vegetables. They smiled as the staff let them throw vegetables in the chicken coop to feed them.

The WOW Saturday of Service was a day for freshman to learn about what makes Saint Mary's great, how important service is to the community and the campus, and to make new relationships with those they worked with and the student leaders who accompanied them. It was also a day for awareness and thankfulness, gratitude for those who invited St. Mary's volunteers into their spaces, and for lots of smiles as students dug their hands through rich, cool soil. It was dirty and smelly, but the payoff was worth it.

GREY ZONES: Tough stories in theater

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that is often associated with the back-to-school Oasis dance while highlighting the steps freshmen can take to either avoid partying altogether or to establish an ally in making decisions responsibly.

"Coercion and Consent," the second act, portrayed a situation in which a seemingly good-natured, well-liked guy manipulates a girl he meets at a party into drinking with him and engaging in sexual activity without her express consent, while her roommate fails to realize the severity of the situation the next day.

The sequence concluded with "Dating Violence," a dramatic performance that underscored the far-too-often occurrence of physical, mental, or verbal abuse that can occur in relationships.

Some acts were either inspired by real events that happened at St. Mary's College or were true depictions of them. Director Reid Davis was cautious at the introduction of the performance to point out to the audience the fine line between portraying these stories and staying true to their authenticity, and that no individual can assume that these stories have or have not happened to those who portrayed them.

Gray Zones deals with heavy topics, and freshmen may find it jarring to switch from the innocuous activities of Weekend of Welcome to representations and discussions of serious social and emotional situa-

tions that have occurred, and will likely continue to occur, at college campuses. This production, however, is an engaging, gentle way of alerting freshmen of the authentic challenges and consequences that they may encounter during their collegiate years.

Gray Zones actor Jose Basulto spoke with *The Collegian* about the impact that this production hopes to project onto incoming St. Mary's students for the duration of their time in college.

"This is effective because freshmen are on a new campus, getting to know new people, and are experiencing new things," says Basulto. "Telling them that situations like these can happen does give them reason to think about them more, and if they find themselves in these situations, they can think back to *Gray Zones* and think differently about how they react."

While it is impossible to measure the number of times in the next year that St. Mary's students will encounter situations of excessive drinking, poor sexual situations, or any sort of abuse and will react in a more constructive, healthier manner to them, *Gray Zones* is a fair attempt at introducing incoming freshmen into real life college situations.

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THE COLLEGIAN DETOUR

Bloc Party back with familiar music *English band's fourth album recalls soothing tunes from past releases*

by Carlo Sosa
Staff Writer



For the English band Bloc Party, *Four* could mean a few things. It could simply mean that this is their fourth full-length release as a group. It could be named this way because it's been four years since their last record *Intimacy*, four years that circled around an indefinite hiatus, a rumored disbanding, and a solo pop and electronic album by lead vocalist Kele Okereke. It could also be because the band has four members, and that they returned to making music that sounded like all four of them were playing in a room together. This third reason is definitely a good representation of Bloc Party's new album.

Unlike its electronic and overproduced predecessor, *Four* features a more stripped down, post-rock approach just like their earlier and more well-received albums, *Silent Alarm* and *A Weekend in the City*. A big difference between this and their past releases is that the guitar sounds on

some of their songs are heavier and dirtier than ever. The guitar riffs from "Kettling" sound like it came straight from the early 90's grunge era, not to mention its guitar solo that would make The Smashing Pumpkins proud. "Coliseum" features the chiming of an acoustic guitar for the first minute then blasts through a Velvet Revolver-esque rampage for the rest of the song.

However, what really makes Bloc Party the band that they are is not their heavy sound but their light and dreamy songs that could somehow be translated into a dance anthem as well. "Real Talk" has a very relaxed sound to it, but underneath Okereke's cooing and the crisp guitar strums is the groove that makes you want to bob your head. "V.A.L.I.S." sounds like the perfect song to be a radio hit. It has the bouncy guitar riff, the infectious rhythm, the pulsating bass line, and the sing a long chorus. "Day Four," the best ballad of the record, has melancholic guitar parts and a string section that's made for a trance like effect, but also features a light pounding of snare drum that keeps the song from dragging.

As enjoyable as some of these songs are, there are still some disappointing things about this album.

The last few tracks are pretty weak and unexciting. "Team A" sounds so much like "Octopus" that it took 20 seconds for me to switch to the next track. "The Healing" is a typical Bloc Party song, with its ambient guitars and moody atmosphere, but it sounds very hollow and is easily forgettable. "We Are Not Good People" is frantic and seems like

the perfect song for Kele's distressed vocals, but it sounds just like every other generic alternative hard rock song which is not a good way to end an album. Luckily, there is enough material that can make up for this dull ending.

It's great to hear back from Bloc Party, especially since they are finished with their dance pop phase and

are now back with making gloomy, but soothing, music. It is far from a perfect album, but it has enough in it for their followers to enjoy and something new to keep them interested and excited.

Recommend Tracks: V.A.L.I.S., Day Four
Grade: B



Courtesy of nme.com

Outside Lands Music Festival lights up the summer *Performances from major artists and great food energizes crowd despite the chilly weather*

by Jeannine Abusharkh
News Editor

While home in San Francisco this summer, I had the chance to see a lot of amazing live music. My friends and I would visit tiny hole-in-the-wall clubs to see local bands. We heard jazz music at the Fillmore Jazz Festival and went to nightclubs to hear the latest electric dance music. However, the most memorable live music that I heard in the city this summer was at the Outside Lands Music and Arts

Festival in Golden Gate Park. The festival has been held annually each August since 2008 and includes over sixty musical acts on a series of stages throughout the park. The festival lasts three days and attracts thousands of visitors despite the steep price of over two hundred dollars for a general admission ticket.

This year's headliners for the festival included Metallica, Stevie Wonder, fun., Passion Pit, Neil Young & Crazy Horse, Foo Fighters, and Skrillex. My anticipation for the

festival lasted all summer. On Friday afternoon I arrived at Golden Gate Park by carpool and made it to my first Outside Lands performance. The first artist I jammed to was a Bay Area artist – Wallpaper. The performance was exciting and a good start to my festival experience. I gained a newfound respect for the Foo Fighters when they performed on the main stage Friday afternoon. They sounded amazing live and the entire crowd was into the performance, singing along to their hits like "My

Hero" and "Best Of You." The night show had to be the most impressive part of day one of the festival. Lights hung from tree to tree brightening the path to each of the stages. On the Twin Peaks stage I watched in awe as the laser show started and French electric dance music artist, Justice, performed. Their music pumped through the crowd and thousands of people were huddled up raving in the freezing cold. The night show on day two of the festival was just as invigorating with the iconic windmill

glowing orange behind the thousands of people rocking out to Metallica. Trying to avoid the mosh pits, my friend and I danced in our own circle to the classic heavy metal. Fireworks that sparked from the stage lit up the sky and people of all ages were enraptured by Metallica's energy. Highlights from the final day of the festival were performances by Franz Ferdinand, Stevie Wonder, and Skrillex. The night show by Skrillex was a great ending to the festival. The light show was incredible to watch as the electric song "Cinema" blasted through the crowd.

In the midst of all the great music, food vendors offered gourmet, local, and organic options. Attendees wandered about the festival grounds visiting Wine Lands, Food Truck Forest, and Choco Lands. The festival also prided itself on its waste project. The festival served food and drinks in compostable containers.

Everywhere in the park, music was blaring, people were dancing, singing, eating, and wearing ridiculous things. The festival fashions were just as thrilling to watch as the performances themselves. Many of the ladies looked bitterly cold in their ripped short-shorts and tank tops obviously unprepared for the foggy city weather. Trendy girls wore beaded hair accessories and ornate bracelets on their wrists. The guys mostly wore band tees and sported scruff and ironic facial hair. By day three the ladies caught on to the comfort over trendy dress and sported coats and scarves instead of miniskirts. Despite the cold weather and crazy crowds, the festival was incredible and I am certainly attending next year.



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THE COLLEGIAN DETOUR

Helpful tips for the Class of 2016

Start your year at Saint Mary's with confidence by following this list

by Sara DeSantis, Charlie Guese,
& Gabi Reyes-Acosta

Opinion Editor, Chief Copy Editor,
& Assistant News Editor

Beginning as a freshman in college is an occasion filled with nervous butterflies, hyperventilating, and sweaty palms. With the stress of leaving home for the first time for many students and the confusion of doing your own laundry and being independent, sometimes you need a little friendly help. Some of the members of *The Collegian* staff have put together a nifty list of tips to get you rolling through the semester so that you can fondly look back later as we do now:

Don't put off doing your laundry. It will never do itself – trust us.

Saying "I'll have time to do that later" is not true and will never be true.

If you want to eat before dinner at 5 p.m., make sure you wake up before 1:30 p.m. on weekends.

You have to talk in seminar to get a good grade. Silence will do you no favors.

The best parties are in the catacombs. (Just kidding, don't go down there)

Feral cats do not make good dorm pets.

Always remember to turn in your paper on turnitin.com before it's too late! Then you can avoid the awkwardness of trying to explain to your professor how you forgot.

Go to the basketball games. Aussie Aussie Aussie! Oi Oi Oi!

Set a second alarm. Sometimes, you turn the first one off. That is never a good thing. Then you can again avoid the awkwardness of trying to explain to your professor how you overslept.

Do things that you are interested in – join clubs, sports, go for a position in ASSMC Senate. Just get involved on campus.

Leave the door to your room open so you can say hi to your friendly neighbors. If they are creepy, then close and lock your door quickly.

Club meetings usually have free, delicious food. And interesting people and causes, too.

Remember to take study breaks – listen to music, talk to your friends, go for a walk, or take a nap. Anything to give your mind a break and reenergize yourself. Watch out for any raccoons on that walk though.

Definitely make time to take a hike up to the Cross – the view

is superb.

Don't forget to go make your own sundaes on Sundays at late night.

However, even though sundaes on Sundays are great and churros at 10 p.m. are tasty, don't go to late night every night because it's not good for you. Eat some fruit and veggies, too.

Sometimes the dining hall runs out of milk, so make sure there is milk left before scooping a full bowl of cereal. There is nothing more disappointing than staring at a bowl of dry cheerios with no milk.

Try to avoid pulling an all-nighter. Even though all-nighters seem to be synonymous with the "college experience," they are not fun. At all. If you have to pull one, then try to sneak in a nap.

Naps are great. Consider them your new best friend.

Day trips to Berkeley and San Francisco are lots of fun. Sometimes the best way to relax is to get off campus for a day.

All the time is the best time for Chipotle. Unless you are out of money (because you spent it all on Chipotle).

If you feel yourself starting to come down with a cold, be sure to get a lot of rest and drink water and juice. Being sick in college is rather awful.

Jan Term is a great opportunity to take a class or pursue an interest you never had time for in the past. Who doesn't love the look of jealousy on a friend's face when you inform them that you are studying Harry Potter for the whole month?

It's best to study for finals sober and well rested. Seriously.

The wildlife on campus (not the partying wildlife, the animal wildlife) is not to be trusted. The raccoons are as smart (or smarter) than a college student. And the deer are as dumb (or dumber) than a college student but they are cute and they like to hang out on the Chapel Lawn.

Basketball games are fun but be sure to go to other athletic games like soccer, rugby, and volleyball. Go Gaels!

Attend the drama performances in LeFevre Theater.

If you have a "green thumb" or are just really into plants, then check out the Legacy Garden (located next to South Claeys Hall) to do some gardening and eat delicious fruits and veggies right off the vine. Yum!

Tune in to the KSMC Radio



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Station at 89.5!

Read *The Collegian* for the latest on-campus news, upcoming events, crime updates, reviews on movies and music, student insights on world issues, and sports headlines. Write for us and see your name in print!

Don't tie yourself down to one path or major. College is a time to explore and learn topics that you were never exposed to. You never know – today you may be a Biology major, but tomorrow you may find yourself majoring in French and leaving for a semester in Paris!

Most importantly, have fun!

Even though everyone tells you *all the time* that your days here will fly by, they are actually right. Before you know it, senior year will be arriving. So make your time here memorable and amazing.

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53 Lafayette Circle,
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chowfoodbar.com

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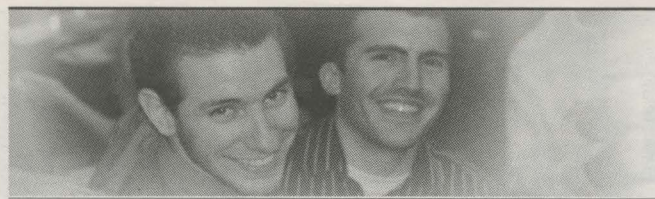
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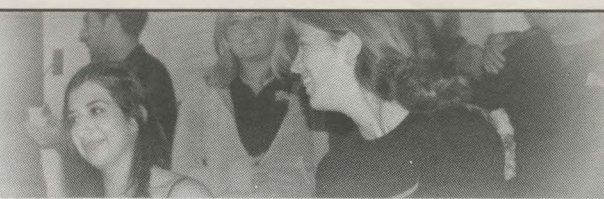
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The Collegian OPINION



Gun control is not un-American *Recent shootings reawaken gun debate*

by Sara DeSantis
Opinion Editor

After the acts of gun violence in Aurora, Colorado, and at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, Americans are left wondering what we should do now. These two recent events are no less tragic than any other shooting, such as those at Columbine High School or Virginia Tech, and they all share a common cause – guns and people. The phrase “guns don’t kill people; people kill people,” should really be changed to “people with guns kill people.” The fact is there are people who are mentally unstable who can easily go and buy a gun with no questions asked. Obviously, trying to identify and help these people before they commit an act of terrorism and hurt innocent people is a nice idea, yet it is ridiculously difficult and unlikely. There is a vast continuum of psychiatric health in this country and most people will not become mass murderers, but there is that minority that cannot be ignored. Our country does not have the means to address the mental health needs of these people, so the only way to prevent future acts of killing is to address the elephant in the heated political room – gun control.

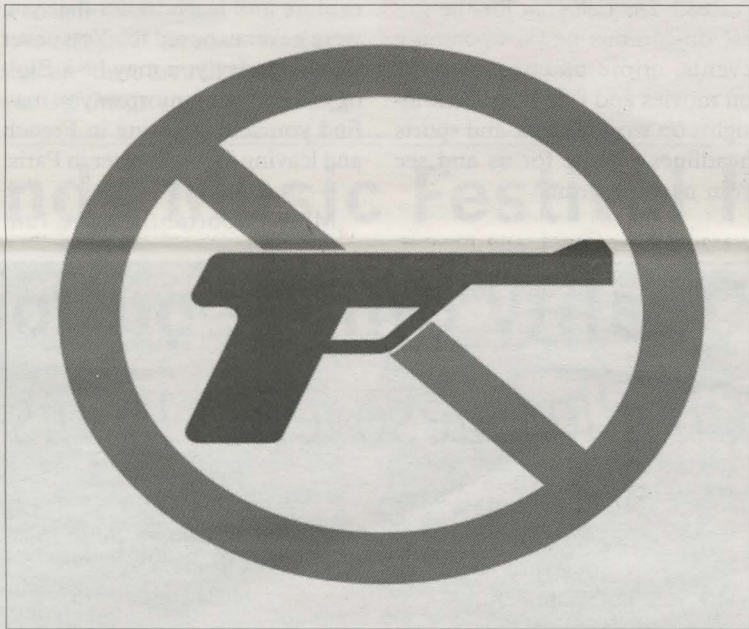
According to *Time* magazine, there are 88.8 firearms per 100 people in the United States. Next is Yemen, with 54.8, then Switzerland with 45.7. The handgun ownership rate in the United States is seventy percent higher than that of the second closest country. Also glaringly obvious is the increasing ease with which guns can be purchased in America. It should not come as a surprise, then, that while violent crime rates have fallen by twenty percent since 2000, the number of firearm homicides has remained

the same. Nothing else can explain the disparity in crime rates and the fact that gun violence in America is astronomical compared to every other country on the planet except for easier access to guns. The next logical step is to do something about it.

Anti-gun control advocates claim that taking away the access to guns for citizens is unconstitutional. Quite the opposite is true – gun control has been present since the infancy of the United States. In the 1800s, laws were passed in many states that banned the carrying of concealed weapons because, as the governor of Texas – yes, Texas – explained in 1893, “the mission of the concealed deadly weapon is murder.” In the 1930s, Congress passed the first set of laws regulating and taxing guns. The act was challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court where Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s solicitor general, Robert Jackson, said that the Second Amendment grants guns not as a private right but one where the arms are borne in the militia or other military or-

ganization under the law. Everything changed in the 1970s when conservative groups challenged gun control and overturned laws in state legislatures, giving the Second Amendment a new interpretation considered by liberals and conservatives alike to be one of the biggest pieces of fraud on the American public. We are still operating under this fraud.

Banning the carrying of concealed weapons and bringing back gun control is not un-American and anyone who says otherwise is severely misinformed. The ease of which any person can buy a multitude of dangerous firearms shows the immediate need for people to call for regulation. If we are going to be so nonchalant as to allow mentally ill people who give any indication that they are considering murder, then we must save lives by limiting access to guns. The Second Amendment does not and should never give someone the ability to shoot innocent people in a movie theater, a place of worship, or anywhere else in America again.



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Do you remember when voting was fun? We don’t *Unpleasant political climate leads to little voter interest in election*

by Charlie Guese
Chief Copy Editor

The 2008 U.S. presidential election energized both political parties, rallying Democrats with the historic president-elect Obama, while Republicans united themselves through their party’s fundamentals in stressing a need for better fiscal policy. Since 2008, growing partisanship, stagnant economic growth, and dubious political strategies from both parties have created one of the most boring elections in history and an extremely uninterested voter base.

With both Barack Obama and Mitt Romney campaigns spending billions of dollars in swing states to try to sway the sought-after undecided voters, only four percent of voters in these states, according to a *New York Times*/Quinnipiac University poll are truly undecided voters. The Associated Press reports that only 29 percent of voters are even interested in this year’s election. The

cable news channels are normally in election frenzy at this point, but CNN is experiencing its lowest ratings in over 20 years, and even Fox News and MSNBC’s ratings are flat or slightly down compared to last year, according to Nielsen Media.

National political conventions are often a source for rallying, but this year’s election has left little fanfare or suspense. With the selection of Paul Ryan as Mitt Romney’s running mate, no major decision or announcement that could dramatically shift election dynamics could possibly be made at these conventions. NBC, CBS, and ABC are opting to carry no more than three hours of total coverage of the Republican National Convention in Tampa. The big three networks cite that their viewers, and more importantly, their advertisers, are more interested in summer reruns than political pageantry.

So what does this mean for voters in November? Aside from

a few particular swing states including Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Colorado, and Nevada, most states are clearly leaning for one candidate. Most voters have already made up their minds on which candidate will receive their vote. That does not necessarily imply that most voters are pleased with their options, however. Gallup Polls reports that 40% of all Americans believe that both candidates are attacking each other unfairly in political advertising and that voter turnout will be lower this year than in the previous two presidential elections.

The political climate in the United States has become so polarized and unpleasant that voters are not only taking less interest in politics but are also repelled from the entire process. Politicians, including the two candidates vying for the highest office in the nation, have become so removed from their potential electorates that their strong desires for office are costing them votes. No

momentous changes could ever happen now to have any impact on this election, but growing voter dissatisfaction of national

politics may eventually force political paradigms to change in order to better serve voters.

Decision 2012: Voters by the Numbers



4%

Percentage of voters who are truly undecided, according to the *New York Times*

29%

Percentage of voters who are actually interested in the 2012 race, says the Associated Press

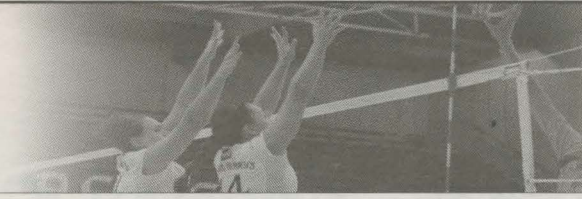
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Year-low ratings for CNN, according to Nielsen. Hardcore political coverage can’t attract viewers

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The Collegian SPORTS



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and facing Italy in the quarter finals. However, their run would end there, as the Italians won 3-1. In his blog, Rob Browning summarized what it feels like to come up short, writing "It's amazing how everything changes after one match. The experience of the Games turns on a moment, from dreams pursued to dreams dashed. For the athletes and coaches, but especially for the athletes and the head coach, facing the press, walking back into the locker room after that match, facing family and friends, and returning to the Village, is a lonely and painful process. The next morning it surges back into cold reality. Time helps heal the wounds of disappointment, but it's difficult now."

For Matthew Dellavedova, the Olympics were an opportunity to showcase the skill that makes him one of the top collegiate point guards in the nation. Following a painful exit at the NCAA Tournament, "Delly" quickly put his hard work into a new goal: medaling at the Olympics. After spending numerous hours working out in the weight room and on the basketball court in the spring, Dellavedova found himself starting alongside Patty Mills for the Australian National Basketball team. (And yes, if you looked carefully, you could have also found him walking in the Parade of Nations). The Aussies got off to a rough start, losing a close match to Brazil before being blown out by Spain. After an easy 20 point win over China, a favorite moment of the Olympics happened. Facing host Great Britain in a game where a win would clinch a spot in the quarter finals, the Boomers came out flat and found themselves trailing 51-36 a few minutes into the third quarter. Dellavedova dribbled around a screen and drained a three pointer. After a three point play by Mills, Delly drilled yet another three pointer to cut the lead down to six. After a GB bucket, Mills responded with eight straight points to tie the game at 53. Then, with Great Britain nursing a 55-53 lead, Delly once more stepped up and drained another three. In a five minute period, two Gaels combined for 20 points to bring the Aussies back to life. The Boomers would go on to win by 31, and then beat Russia on a Mills buzzer beater two days later. However, in the quarter finals, the Boomers put up a valiant effort against Team USA before being eliminated.

With lessons learned in the Olympics, these Gaels have given me high hopes for both the volleyball and the men's basketball teams. Both of these teams could easily make the NCAA tournament and succeed in them. I, and all my fellow Gael fans, should be thrilled for the summer Rob and Matthew had and should be excited for the seasons to come.

Men's soccer downs UNLV Volleyball and women's soccer struggle early against tough opponents



Max Crowell/COLLEGIAN

Trevor Newquist celebrates a goal for the Gaels, lifting them over UNLV

by George Robles

Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's volleyball team were facing two of the top opponents in the country for their opening matches of the season. They first faced off against No. 6 Stanford where they would fall 0-3 (25-14,25-16,25-20). Gabby Jolly was a bright spot as she had eight kills and Lauren Corp and Kristin Graven added seven a piece. Next, the Gaels matched up against No. 8 Hawaii where they would also be defeated, this time a score of 1-3 (25-20,22-25,25-19,25-19). Corp had her career 1000th kill in the match as she finished with nine total and 21 digs. Next they will head to Sacramento for the Sac State Invitational beginning on Friday.

The women's soccer team began the season with a 2-0 win against Portland State on the road. Freshman Noria Mitchell and Melinda Madden each scored for the Gaels in the win. The next two games would be rough as they would lose 1-5 to Seattle and then 1-4 to UCLA later in the week. They next travel to Texas on Friday to play Sam Houston State.

The No.18 ranked men's soccer team would play for the first time at home since capturing the WCC Championship last season. The Gaels started off the season right by downing visiting UNLV 2-1. Senior Trevor Nequist and Sophomore Ismail Adam scored for Saint Mary's and begin the season 1-0. They next travel north to Sacramento to take on Sac State on Sunday.

Men's Basketball receives three verbal commits

by George Robles

Sports Editor

In big news over this summer, the Gaels men's basketball team received three commitments from the class of 2013. First to commit is point guard Cullen Neal out of Eldorado High School in New Mexico. The six-foot-four shooting threat averaged 27 points last season and is currently a top 150 recruit according to ESPN. He also had interest from Gonzaga, Oregon State, Portland, New Mexico and Tulane.

The next verbal came from six-foot-six small forward Calvin Hermanson from Portland Oregon. The athletic forward

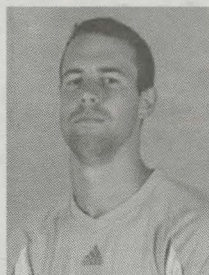
attends the same Lake Oswego High School as NBA superstar Kevin Love and is putting up very impressive numbers. He averaged over 22 points per game in what is Oregon's toughest league and was named Class 6A Player of the Year and is the No. 70 recruit according to Maxpreps.com.

The third commitment comes from the ever so familiar land of Australia. Dan Pineau is a six-foot-nine forward who is from Melbourne and is a current member of the Australian under-19 national team. Currently, this recruiting class ranks seventeenth in the nation and is already being considered one of the best in Saint Mary's history.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Trevor Newquist Men's Soccer

Trevor scored from a penalty kick in the 68th minute, which was the eventual game-winning goal over UNLV



SPORTS THIS WEEK

Womens Soccer:
~ Fri. vs Sam Houston State (at College Station, Texas) 2:00pm
~ Sun. @ Texas A&M 11:30am

Men's Soccer:
~ Sun. @ Sacramento State

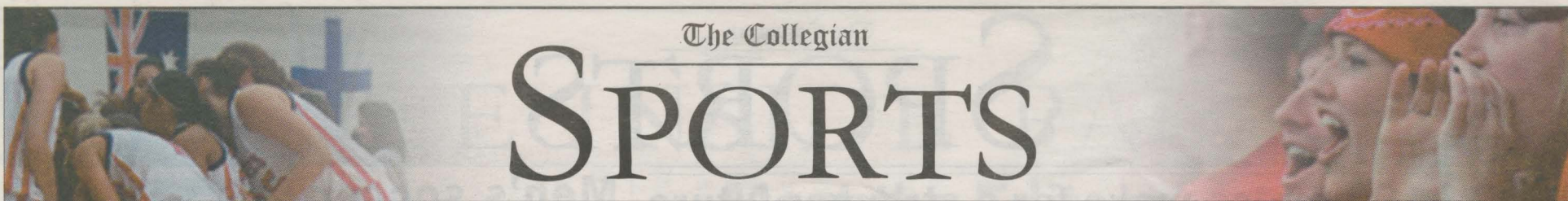
Volleyball:
~ Fri. vs Morgan State (at Sacramento) 4:00pm
~ Sat. vs Boise State (at Sacramento) 10:30am
~ Sat. @ Sacramento State 7:30am

Cross Country:
~ Sat. @ USF Invitational (Golden Gate Park)

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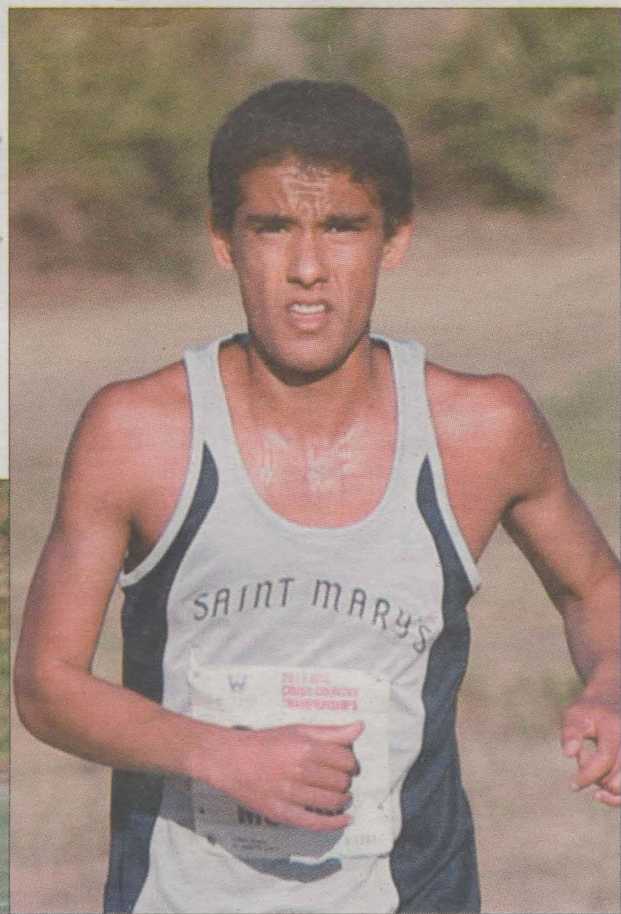
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Saint Mary's fall sports preview

Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country and Golf highlight a tough fall season ahead



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by George Robles

Sports Editor

After a successful 2011 campaign, the Saint Mary's Gaels will look forward to reloading for the 2012 fall sports season. At the end of last season, the Gaels volleyball team rode into a seven-game winning streak to finish the season, but narrowly missed the NCAA tournament. This year, Saint Mary's has high hopes as they return almost every starter from last year's squad, including Jordan Shaw and Missy White, who were named to the All-WCC First Team in their young careers. The Gaels are tied for first in the West Coast Conference preseason poll with University of San Diego with 59 first place votes each. Saint Mary's will not have an easy road ahead though, as they will face seven different ranked teams in a brutal preseason test which includes matches against Bay Area

rivals No. 6 Stanford and No. 17 California before heading into WCC play.

Men's soccer will look to advance from last year's historic WCC Championship and NCAA Tournament run to the Elite Eight with another hard fought season. The Gaels are currently ranked No. 18 in the preseason NSCAA soccer poll, and despite losing nine players from last year's team to graduation, Saint Mary's returns some key players and welcomes 15 new freshman to the squad. Key returnees include defender Trevor Newquist, who was an All-WCC Honorable Mention last season, and midfielder Jose Cabeza, who earned an All-WCC Second Team and scored the game-winning goal in the WCC Championship game. The Gaels will have important preseason games at home against Cal State Bakersfield on Friday, September 7 and two days later

hosting Creighton before heading out to North Carolina for the UNC Wilmington Tournament.

In women's soccer, the Gaels will look to rebound from last year's 10-8-2 season led by senior forward Christina Tognetti, who earned All-West Coast Conference Honorable Mention last season. This will be a young team for Saint Mary's as it features sixteen underclassmen, but the team will look to battle through a tough schedule ahead. Key games for the Gaels will be in Texas when they travel to the Texas A&M tournament next weekend to face Sam Houston State and Texas A&M. They return home for a few weeks to host the Saint Mary's Tournament before opening up West Coast Conference play. In other women's soccer news, Caroline Beaulne has been selected to play on Canada's U20 World Cup team in Japan.

The Saint Mary's Cross Coun-

try team will compete at many local races on the west coast, including the USF Invitational at Golden Gate Park on September 1st, the WCC Preview Meet in Portland on September 15, the Stanford Invitational on September 29, and the West Coast Conference Championships in Portland on October 27. On the men's side, the Gaels return a variety of young talent, including sophomore Nick Ellingson and Junior Rajpaul Pannu, who both finished last season strong at the NCAA Western Regionals. For the women, Saint Mary's will also return good talent such as sophomore Cristina Garcia and junior Alicia Doohan.

Saint Mary's golf had one of the best campaigns last season as they were crowned West Coast Conference champions, Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic Champions, and Firestone Invitational Champions. The Gaels return most players, including

seniors Ben Geyer, who was the individual WCC Champion, and Mac McClung. Sophomore talent Jonathan de Los Reyes also comes back for the Gaels. This summer, Geyer defeated players from Cal, Notre Dame, UC Davis, and Northwestern to advance to the California Amateur Championship, where he would eventually fall. Reyes also had a solid summer where he advanced to the U.S. Amateur match play event after shooting a 2-under par 139. This year, the Gaels will travel all around the country to play in tournaments beginning on September 8 when they go to Illinois for the Northern Intercollegiate, followed by the Husky Invitational in Washington a week later. The Gaels will host the Saint Mary's Invitational on September 24 and 25 at Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Course in Seaside.

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Trio of Gaels represented in London Olympics

Mills, Dellavedova, and Coach Browning put Saint Mary's on map in England



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Patty Mills, Rob Browning and Matthew Dellavedova represent their countries before the opening ceremonies

by Simon Tryzna

Assistant Sports Editor

As new and old students make their way back to campus from a long summer vacation and make new friends or reunite with old ones, the same question pops into most conversations: "what did you do on your summer vacation?" "Well, I worked," some would reply. Others went on exotic trips to Latin America and some just stayed home for the most part and did not do anything exciting and liked it. But no matter what, I bet you that Rob Browning and Mat-

thew Dellavedova can tell the best "What did I do on my summer vacation" story of 2012: they represented their respective countries in the London Summer Olympics.

Now you might ask yourself, "well I see college athletes and coaches participating in the Olympics all the time," and your statement would be true. After all, athletes from University of Southern California won 25 total medals, including 12 gold. But almost everybody knows USC. They are a football powerhouse and have and undergraduate enrollment of over 17,000. Saint Mary's on the

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